

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that a pair of vertically extending guide grooves are provided adjacent outside edges of the rear cover above the V-shaped engagement plate and that a pair of guide projections are provided adjacent outside edges of the front cover and opposite the guide grooves provided in the rear cover, the guide projections sandwiching a pair of signal terminal parts and being adapted to be inserted into said pair of guide grooves. Support for these limitations is found in the specification, inter alia, in the description on page 5, line 25, to page 6, line 4.

The combination of JP'372 and JP'814 cited in the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claim 1 fails to disclose or suggest a battery having a structure as now recited in claim 1. The battery of JP'372 does not include guide grooves provided adjacent outside edges of the rear cover and guide projections provided adjacent outside edges of the front cover and opposite the guide grooves provided in the rear cover, the guide projections sandwiching a pair of signal terminal parts and being adapted to be inserted into the guide grooves. The battery of JP'814 does not provide a motive for providing such structure on the battery of JP'872 because,

although the battery of JP'814 has signal terminals 18 to 21 and 46 to 49 at lower portion of the top surface and has protrusions 17, 45 on both side portions, the signal terminals and the protrusions have no structural relationship with each other.

Claim 2 has been amended to recite a release button and slide covers for covering terminals for electrical connection to an adapter plate mounted in a video camera and provided on a top portion of the rear cover, the slide covers being adapted to engage the signal terminal parts.

The combination of JP'372 and JP'814, in addition to being insufficient to support a case of *prima facie* obviousness of the battery recited in amended claim 1 also fails to disclose or suggest the structure recited in amended claim 2.

Removal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections and an allowance of claims 1 and 2 are believed to be in order and are respectfully requested.

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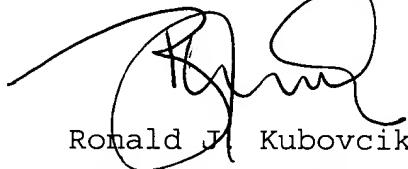
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